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Letter to reference Docket No. 2009-489-E

Feb. 28, 10

Public Service Commission of South Carolina

Att: Docketing Dept.

P.O. Drawer 11649

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Regulatory Staff ;

I am writing this letter to protest SCE&G's request for additional rate hikes. I have been their costumer since July of 2003 and have endured rate hikes on Gas and Electricity. I understand their need to be profitable. I also have first hand knowledge of their power plant construction projects. I am also a senior citizen and have upgraded my home.

My gripe is two-fold. As a costumer and a construction worker living in SC. I believe in keeping the money in our State. SCE&G contractors for electrical construction are out of state employers. The Local Trade Unions were only used by some sub contractors. Local folks should get the work. SCE&G hasn't done this and could be doing better.

The most resent rate increase was in Oct. 2009 just 4 months ago and it was for both Gas and Electrical services. Inflicting more costly increases as winter colds made necessary consumption of energy is very cruel and unusual punishment. Please help make this right.

Rate hikes have been coming right along for this utility to help them "Go Green" and I think they should have plenty of Green now for awhile. Each monthly bill is increased by 3% electric and 2.7% gas for franchise fees to the town also. Every thing goes up.

My personal records show the following trends in the utility rates. I have more info. but this will get my point across.

The electrical rate per KWH was	\$0.0923	and Therms of gas was	\$1.03	in July of 2006.
Rising to about	_____	0.0936		in July of 2007.
Again rising		0.09841		1.33 by Fed of 2008.
And up again to		0.09954		1.32 by June of 2008.
And again rising to		0.10607		in Jan of 2009.
Again		0.10656	_____	1.33 in April of 2009
Several more hikes to reach	\$ 0.11066		in Oct. 2009	gas holding even more or less.

I am disgusted at the timing of SCE&G's request for an almost 10% rate hike at a time of economic struggle. Please accept my opposition to this pending rate increase by considering this letter of protest referencing to Docket No. 2009-489-E. Perhaps SCE&G could really GO for the big GREEN and write themselves a grant from the Fed's if they are that hungry for the money. I don't think it pays to bite the hand that feeds you.

I see that the AARP is concerned. If I can be of any help please feel free to contact me.

Thank you. Thomas R. Twitchell
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No COLA, Tanked Investments yet SCE&G wants a 9.5% Rate Hike!